



PATENT
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**APPLICANT'S AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111
TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE EXAMINER'S ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

I Introduction

Applicant's Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated September 20, 2004. The Examiner made the Action final. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for Applicant's Response of three months, i.e., to December 20, 2004. Applicant has requested a three (3) month extension of time, from December 20, 2004, to Sunday, March 20, 2005. Accordingly, Applicant's Amendment and Response is timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7 as it is being filed on Monday, March 21, 2005, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

Concurrently with Applicant's Amendment and Response, Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination. An effect of the Request for Continued Examination is to withdraw the finality of the Action.

Applicant's check in the amount of \$1,035.00 covers \$510.00 for the three-month extension of time, \$395.00 for the Request for Continued Examination and \$130.00 for the petition for limited suspension of action.